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July 8, 2003

To: Supervisor Yvonne Brathwaite Burke, Chair  
Supervisor Gloria Molina  
Supervisor Zev Yaroslavsky  
Supervisor Don Knabe  
Supervisor Michael D. Antonovich

From: David E. Janssen  
Chief Administrative Officer

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**STATUS REPORT – EXPANDING APPLICABILITY OF LIVING WAGE PROGRAM**

On January 21, 2003, at the suggestion of Supervisor Molina and on motion of Supervisor Antonovich, your Board instructed the Chief Administrative Officer (CAO), County Counsel, Auditor-Controller and the Affirmative Action Compliance Officer to report back in 30 days on other County-related agencies that are not subject to the Living Wage Ordinance (LWO) and prepare an amendment to the LWO for Board consideration that would make the LWO applicable to appropriate agencies.

We issued status reports on this project dated February 20, 2003 and April 8, 2003 advising of our findings and recommendations which were to extend the Living Wage requirement only to the Community Development Commission/Housing Authority (CDC/Authority) via a policy issued under your Board's authority operating for the Commission/Authority. An amendment to the LWO was determined to be inappropriate because CDC/Authority are legally distinct from the County and are governed by their own legal requirements and policies.

Because of this distinction there are several technical and procedural issues to address in formulating a CDC/Authority Living Wage Policy. For example, the County's LWO applies only to Proposition A and cafeteria services contracts; the CDC and Authority do not have Proposition A contracts. County Counsel is in the process of consulting with CDC/Authority management to address these issues, define the types of contracts that could be covered under a living wage policy and determine the procedures for the implementation of the policy. We intend to report back to your Board with a proposed CDC/Authority Living Wage Policy for your consideration within 30 days.

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If you have any questions, please contact me, or your staff may contact Nan Flette of this office at (213) 974-1168, or David Michaelson or Robert Cartwright of County Counsel at (213) 974-1931 and (213) 974-1879, respectively.

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